

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 134

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend George Stephens III for his meritorious service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is George Stephens III; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stephens graduated from Lewis County High School in 1963; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, he began serving with acumen and alacrity as an employee at Woodmen of the World Insurance Company; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, George Stephens moved to Clarksville with Woodmen of the World, retiring from the company in 2002, at which time he started his own business, the ABC/Senior Plus Insurance Group; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, Mr. Stephens has been actively involved in numerous organizations, including serving as past President of the Lewis County Jaycees, Tennessee Fraternal Congress, Tennessee National Association of Fraternal Insurance Counselors, and the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, George Stephens has faithfully served in all Board positions and Committee Chairs for NAIFA-Clarksville since joining the association in 1976, and currently serves as the National Committeeman; and

WHEREAS, he also served on the Board for NAIFA-Tennessee as the Regional Vice President from 1987-1990; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Stephens was inducted into the NAIFA-Clarksville Hall of Fame, and he has been a key component of success in the association receiving the Tennessee Association of the Year award an unparalleled eleven times; it is also the only Tennessee association to win the award for five consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, through his estimable community involvement, Mr. Stephens epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud George Stephens for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend George Stephens III for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.